

Leisure Activities

Zoos & other wild life

Tiergarten Nürnberg - Nuremberg Zoo

Am Tiergarten 30 - 90480 Nürnberg - 0911-5454-6 - www.tiergarten.nuernberg.de

Highlights: The Tiergarten features a Dolphinarium with outdoor laguna for dolphins and manatees, and an Aqua Park for beavers, otters, penguins, sea lions and polar bears. With more than 2,000 animals of 300 species from all over the world, a children's zoo and a large playground it is one of Europe's largest zoos. The landscaping is mainly forest and meadow areas, ponds and a former quarry.

Opening Times:

April – October – daily 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

November – March – daily 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Admission Prices:

Adults 9 €, children 4.50 €, family ticket (1 parent + minor children) 12 €, family ticket (2 parents + minor children) 21 €

Freiland Aquarium und Terrarium

Heuweg 16 - 90547 Stein bei Nürnberg - 0911-227970

Highlights: The outdoor aquarium and terrarium shows indigent amphibians and reptiles, newts and toads, turtles and snakes.

Opening Times: May to September on weekends and German holidays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Admission Prices: Donations welcome.

Raubtier- und Exotenasyll

Leinmühlstraße 2 - 91522 Ansbach – Wallersdorf – 0981-466 346 83 - www.raubkatzenasyl.de

Highlights: Wild cats (tigers and cougars) and other exotic animals, mostly rescued animals, find a home in the asylum for wild cats in Wallersdorf.

Opening Times: Every first Sunday of the month, open house from 1 – 5 p.m.

Admission Prices: No admission fee, donations welcome.

Bayrischer Jagdfalkenhof in Schillingsfürst

Am Wall 14 - 91583 Schillingsfürst - Telefon: 0 98 - 68 69 41 - www.bayerischer-jagdfalkenhof.de

Highlights: The Bavarian falconry raises falcons and other hunting birds for the purpose of preservation of the species; some of the birds are returned to the wild, some are trained for shows. The falcons, eagles, kites and vultures can be watched as they spread their majestic wings and fly over up close several times a day. Tours of the baroque museum in the castle Schloss Schillingsfürst are also offered at various times throughout the day.

Opening Times: Open daily from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. between Easter and late October. Flight shows are at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., museum tours at 10 a.m., noon, 2 and 4 p.m.

Admission prices: Adults 7 €, children 4 €, family ticket 20 €

Wildpark an den Eichen in Schweinfurt

Albin-Kitzinger-Straße - 97422 Schweinfurt - 09721-4727839

Highlights: The wildlife park houses 500 animals from Germany and other countries, mostly hoofed animals like moose and deer, as well as wild boars and lynxes. Smaller animals like guinea pigs can be admired in the petting zoo. A kiddie pool refreshes the little ones in summer; playgrounds are spread out in the park. Signs and brochures are available in English.

A tavern is open every afternoon in summer and on weekends in winter. A putt-putt facility is open every afternoon from April to October.

Opening Times and admission prices:

Open daily all year around, free entry

Wildgehege Hundshaupten

Hundshaupten 62 - 91349 Egloffstein – 09197-241 - www.hundshaupten.de

Highlights: European bison, fallow and red deer, wild boar, chamois, capricorns and dwarf goats are tucked away in a side valley in the heart of the Fränkische Schweiz. Close by are the castle of Egloffstein and the pilgrim church of Gößweinstein.

Opening Times: April to October daily 9 a.m.– 6 p.m.; November to March daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Admission Prices: Adults 3.50 €, children 1.50 €, dogs 1 €.

Wildgehege Hufeisen im Veldensteiner Forst

Between Pegnitz and Plech in Veldensteiner Forst (off Autobahn 9) – 09244-243

Highlights: A wild game park with 38 ha land, housing red deer, fallow deer, roe deer, European mouflon (sheep) and wild boar.

Opening Times: Open daily all year around.

Admission Prices: Adults 1 €, children 0.50 €, at the ticket machine.

Wildpferd-Gehege in Erlangen-Tennenlohe – Wild horse park

91058 Erlangen-Tennenlohe 09131-6146345 - www.wildpferde-tennenlohe.de

Highlights: The wild horse park is located on the former US training area near Tennenlohe; the animals were returned to the wild to regenerate their kind and to keep the biotope from reforesting; there is no opportunity to pet or feed them, but the patient visitor may spot them in their natural environment from the look-out hill.

Opening Times: Open daily all year around.

Admission Prices: No entry fee.

Sealife Speyer

Im Hafenbecken 5 - 67346 Speyer - Tickets: 01805 - 66 69 01 01 - www.sealifeeurope.com

Highlights: Displays feature more than 3,000 creatures from seahorses and rays to sharks and turtles; walk through an underwater tunnel or hold a crab and touch the starfish in the interactive rock pool; daily feeding demonstrations

Opening Times: Daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission Prices: Adults 13.50 €, children 9.95 €